

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 170, 171, 175, 176, 185, 186, 190 and 191 will be pending.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of claims 170, 171, 175, 176, 185, 186, 190 and 191 is respectfully requested.

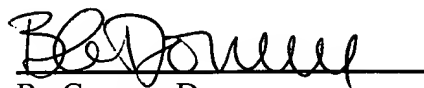
23492

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

Telephone: (847) 937-3810

Facsimile: (847) 938-2623

Respectfully submitted,
Winn, et al.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. Gregory Donner", is written over a horizontal line.

B. Gregory Donner

Registration No. 34,580

Agent for Applicants